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tions. The impetuous vigor of his thought sweeps along with a splendid momentum in spite of a certain heavy verbiage, and the conclusion is a clincher of the thought which he has been, through several paragraphs or pages, driving home. The author's wide range of thought and reading enrich every page and stimulate the reader to nobler deeds. While vigorous pruning might profitably have reduced the size of the book, its strong, bold utterances of the truth will tell for righteousness and for God. We miss the indispensable indexes.—IRA M. PRICE.

Village Sermons. By the late F. J. A. Hort, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D. (London: Macmillan & Co., limited. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1897, pp. 269, cloth, \$1.75.) Twelve out of twenty-four sermons in this volume are upon the books of the Old and New Testaments. Those who have thought of Dr. Hort only as a scholar will be impressed by the absence of the controversial element, and by the practical character of his preaching. Questions of authorship, time of composition, and matters of criticism are entirely ignored. The preacher evidently sought to quicken and develop the religious life of those who heard him. How far he succeeded in accomplishing his object cannot be determined by these sermons. If the hearers were hungry for religious truth, they doubtless found food in the words of their teacher; if they were indifferent, it is probable that they went from the service as they came. The sermons lack incisiveness and grip. They are not adapted to awaken emotion, nor do they appeal strongly to the will. Many of them are little more than paraphrases of the biblical material with which the preacher is dealing.

Lack of careful revision on the part of the editor is found on page 9, where we have the phrase, "but all who are in any way depressed or beaten down low in any way."—LATHAN A. CRANDALL.